

Injectable Vaccine Administration for Children Birth-6 years

Vaccine	Age/Reminders	Route	Site ☒	Needle*	Contraindications ⊕
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP) ₁₋₃	6 weeks-6 years	IM	Anterolateral Thigh or Deltoid [±]	1"-1.5" 22-25 g	Anaphylactic reaction to prior dose or component; encephalopathy without other cause within 7 days of a pertussis- containing vaccine
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type B (Hib)	No routine doses after 59 months	IM	Anterolateral Thigh or Deltoid	1"-1.5" 22-25 g	Anaphylactic reaction to prior dose or component
Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV7)	No routine doses after 59 months	IM	Anterolateral Thigh or Deltoid	1"-1.5" 22-25 g	Anaphylactic reaction to prior dose or component
Hepatitis B (Hep B)	1 st dose at birth; last dose at/after 6 months	IM	Anterolateral Thigh or Deltoid	1"-1.5" 22-25 g	Anaphylactic reaction to a prior dose or component (baker's yeast)
Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV)	For school entry: 1 st dose at/ after 6 wks of age; all doses spaced at least 4 weeks apart	SC	Anterolateral Thigh or Lateral Upper Arm	5/8" 23-25 g	Anaphylactic reaction to a prior dose or component (neomycin, streptomycin, polymyxin B)
		IM	Anterolateral Thigh or Deltoid	1"-1.5" 22-25 g	
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)	1 st dose at/after 12 mo; 4 week interval between two doses (all ages)	SC	Anterolateral Thigh or Lateral Upper Arm	5/8" 23-25 g	Anaphylactic reaction to a prior dose or component (neomycin or gelatin); pregnancy
Varicella (Var)	1 st dose at/after 12 mo; 3 mo interval between doses (ages 12 mo-12)	SC	Anterolateral Thigh or Lateral Upper Arm	5/8" 23-25 g	Anaphylactic reaction to a prior dose or component (neomycin or gelatin); pregnancy
Inactivated Influenza (TIV)	6 months and older; brand to use based on age	IM	Anterolateral Thigh or Deltoid	1"-1.5" 22-25 g	Anaphylactic reaction to a prior dose or component (eggs)
Hepatitis A (Hep A)	1 st dose at/after 12 mo 2 nd dose 6 mo later	IM	Anterolateral Thigh or Deltoid	1"-1.5" 22-25 g	Anaphylactic reaction to prior dose or component; hypersensitivity to alum (Havrix®: 2-phenoxyethanol)

☒ Vaccines should never be administered in the buttocks. ⊕ See package insert for complete contraindication/component listing; may vary by brand * Professional judgment is appropriate when selecting needle length for use in all children, especially small infants or larger children.

± Use of the deltoid muscle in children 18 months and older (if adequate muscle mass is present) is an option for IM injections. December 10, 2008